

ALLIES MAY HAVE TO OCCUPY ALL GERMANY TO ENFORCE DEMANDS

THE situation in Germany is becoming so much worse that the question confronts us whether there is in Germany a responsible government with which the allied powers can make peace.

The administration headed by chancellor Ebert is so unstable as to be practically nonexistent. It is practically powerless. It is a figurehead. The radical Socialists known as the Spartacus group, hold control if there can be said to be any control whatever when all is chaotic. There are constant clashes between the soldiers who adhere to the moment to the Ebert government and the soldiers and sailors who are temporarily loyal to the radicals. And both sides are looting and killing.

Meanwhile, there are small groups of interests all through the empire, all working independently, councils of this or that, all bent on safeguarding and enriching themselves by plunder if possible, each working against the other if they can be said to be working at all when nobody in Germany is working very much.

Unemployment is described as almost universal. German writers, depicting the condition of anarchy into which the country is falling, say the factories are happy if they can get five hours of service out of their employees five hours continually interrupted by all kinds of meetings and delays of other kinds. Industries are paralyzed, the railroads have almost ceased transportation, crowds parade, food demonstrations and riot. Palaces are broken open and robbed. Crime is almost universal. The poor have been seized with a kind of rabies and the well-to-do have plunged into orgies of feasting, drinking and dancing. The chancellor has been besieged by anarchists with machine guns and has had to beg them to go away. The private soldier who is now commander of the Berlin garrison of the nominal government has been taken prisoner by the radicals, threatened with execution and released.

Conditions are steadily growing worse. These who are anxiously hoping for their improvement see nothing from which to derive comfort. There was a belief, for a time, that the traditional German orderliness and submissiveness to authority would save Germany from the disorders of Russia, but Germany seems to be going the full limit of Russian outrages.

There may be nothing for persons who will say: "What do we care what happens to Germany or what the Germans do to each other. It is not our concern if they kill each other until all are exterminated or run riot until the nation is utterly ruined."

But we should care. We can't make a peace treaty with a mob of irresponsible, nor can we collect indemnity for Germany's outrages from a paralyzed country which is producing no revenue. The payments the allies will require of Germany will be so large as to call for Germany's best productive efforts in order to pay off the debt. Collecting from a nation is much like collecting from an individual. If you don't want to seize his property, you want him to work hard and pay you out of his income. If he isn't working and hasn't any income, you have only two resources, to bring pressure on him to get to work and pay you or to seize his property.

Representatives of the allied powers who are now occupying themselves with informal discussions of a league of nations and of territorial readjustments as a preliminary to the formal peace conference, must ask themselves presently whether there can be any peace conference in view of events transpiring in Germany.

They must ask themselves whether there is any government in Germany, whether it is possible to make a binding treaty with Germany under present conditions and whether, under the circumstances, it will be possible to collect an indemnity from Germany. It is one thing to secure a judgment quite another to collect it.

The allies will be very remiss if they allow the anarchy in Germany to continue. They should get together and issue notice to the alleged government of Germany and to all the German people that unless disorders cease at once and unless a central administration is made responsible and given popular support, it will be impossible to make peace with Germany and that the forces of the allies will be obliged against their will to complete the occupation of Germany and to restore order and enforce obedience of the laws until such time as the Germans themselves unite in orderly manner and set up a stable government. And notification should also be given that unless the Germans reorganize industries and business and get down to work, the allies will not undertake to furnish the food shipments for which the Germans have been begging.

A practical difficulty in the way of loving one's enemy is that he is apt to seek you in the eye while you are trying to do it.

The British regiments at home have gone back to their costly and brilliant dress uniforms which is another indication that the war is over.

Little Interviews

Mexican Consul Approves Stopping Importation of Labor Visitor Sees Great and Prosperous Future For El Paso

I AM glad to see that the American government has revoked the order to permit the importation of foreign contract labor," said Mexican vice-consul A. E. Sandoval. "Now that the war is over, that work belongs to the soldiers who are returning home. Besides, it will be of benefit to Mexico. Mexican labor is needed at home, in the industries there, and especially in the fields, to supply the agricultural demands of the country."

"With all the clubs and organizations of El Paso striving for a prosperous future, in five years time this city ought to have a stable foundation, a boom, and a business that would do justice to a city twice its size," said Jeanette H. Coler, of San Francisco. "But men are queering the wheels of the only thing necessary to bring this about. Are all the people satisfied with the endeavors of the business men? And will they support them as they should? It would not be a bad idea for some of the business men and club men to get the ideas of the different people in the city, especially of the buying public. These must be depended on, after all, for they are in the majority. A few explanations to them, or possibly a little courtesy in the way of receiving their suggestions from time to time, would be no added factor in the fight for a prosperous future."

"The whole world is anxiously waiting for the outcome of the peace conference," Wilbur Collinsworth, of Nashville, Tenn. "It all indicates the high position held by president Wilson in the eyes of the world. Had the conference been held here, it would have been a great success."

Uncle Walt's Denatured Poem.

Balmy Days

WE'VE been conserving bread, we've been conserving grease, and now we look ahead to bounteous days of peace, when one may eat a pie, and feel no blush of shame; how good to say goodbye to warfare's dismal game! How good to put four spoons of sugar in your tea, nor care two picayunes who is around to see! When streams were running red with blood of angry foes, I lived on sawdust bread and prunes, and things like those. And if I tried to sneak some sugar or some jam, my wife would scold and scold. "You're kidding Uncle Sam! You're kidding just as much as some poor German dud!" It simply beats the Dutch how I must watch the grub! Oh, those were bitter times, dark, tragic, galling years; you noticed how my rhymes were dropping salty tears. The hard work of fed on prunes and substitutes for pie, can't put into his rhyme much rest, though he may try. If he's deprived of ham, condemned to gnawing bones, he cannot write a poem that's full of golden tones. The lyre seems dead and dumb, its strings are still and mute, when all the grub is bum, and misery, to boot. But now come brighter days, with peace, the boon that's sweet; now mark my soaring lays, when I have pies to eat!

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Cutting Down Trees

THERE was a Christmas tree famine in El Paso just before Christmas as many are aware. Some of the usual sources of local supply were not available this year. Fewer trees than usual were offered for sale and they were quickly bought.

Last day buyers, unaware of any shortage, found themselves and their eager little children facing Christmas eve without a tree. There was a scramble for the few that were available and some trees were sold and resold at mounting figures. Some families who usually have big trees had to content themselves with small boughs. Some got no trees at all.

Some got no tree, but in a criminal way. They went to Austin terrace and cut down several of the pretty trees growing there. The supposition is that they were taken for Christmas tree use, for there is hardly any other explanation. They would not serve well for fuel.

Several rewards have been offered for the conviction of the person or persons who cut these trees and whoever did it, if apprehended, ought to get whatever limit the law imposes.

It is not easy to grow trees here as everybody knows who has tried it. Neither is it inexpensive. Growing trees means planning, work and money. A great deal of all these has gone into the bordered drives of Austin Terrace. When the trees on the terrace get big, they will transform it. If trees were grown thickly along the streets all over town, they would make them beautiful. A part of Rio Grande street illustrates this.

Growing trees here should be encouraged and cutting them down after people have tried hard to give them a proper start is doubly a vandalism. To commit such an act in connection with Christmas is both grotesque and blasphemous.

Going After Mexican Trade

SAN ANTONIO business men are planning a trade excursion into Mexico, and how do you suppose they are planning to go? Right through El Paso, to Nogales, Arizona, thence south through Sonora to Guaymas, thence east through Tepic to Guadalajara and on to Mexico City. The San Antonians mean to take in the whole of Mexico in a general way and establish, if possible, the supremacy of San Antonio as a trade center for Mexico.

Houston is planning a trade excursion into the same country, although Houston is not so audaciously stepping into El Paso territory. Houston is counting upon water trade, by way of Tampico and, possibly, rail trade through Eagle Pass and Laredo.

El Paso will have to fight for its Mexican trade if the present determination of San Antonio and Houston is carried out. And if San Antonio and Houston, so far away, can go after Mexican trade so determinedly, there is no reason why Dallas and Kansas City and Denver and Los Angeles may not do so.

El Paso must begin making its plans at once for taking care of the Mexican trade excursion into Mexico at the earliest moment that it will be safe to make such a tour.

Sometimes there's more than one letter's difference between "reverend" and "revere."

Oh, yes, Billy Sunday stages a very good vaudeville act for those who like that kind of a show.

The "victory swirl" must be the long, fervent drink of one who has succeeded in smuggling a flask into dry territory.

Germany will not only pay for what the Kaiser did, but also for what Bismarck did, way back in 1871.

The British navy has a unique plan for curing Bolshevism on the high seas. It is to sink ships and crews flying the red flag. Not humanitarian, perhaps, but speedy and effective.

Before count Hohenzollern counted on Holland's hospitality, he drove thousands of refugees into Holland to try it out.

Some of these days, possibly, hotels all over the country will do away with the "war portions," probably because they give one only a fighting chance of obtaining a meal.

The murderers of Capt. Fryatt and Edith Cavell should be sent to keep company with Bolo Pasha.

First Job For The New Police - By Hal Coffman



are ordinarily in good circumstances, but who, because of illness or non-employment, were unable to furnish a Christmas dinner this year. At least five baskets were sent out to such persons.

"Jitties are the popular public vehicle in Mexico City," said R. E. White, lately from that city. "Many of the owners seek to attract custom by giving their machines fancy names. Some of these are: 'El Fido Blanco' (the White Horse), 'La Marina' (the sailor), 'Pretty Baby', 'Dante', 'El Transatlantico', 'Montezuma', 'La Favorita', 'El Bravo' (the Spanish name for Rio Grande), and 'Charlie Chaplin'. One had been called the 'Hindenburg', I am informed. There are several hundred of these jitneys, perhaps, and the names run the gamut of the fancy of the imaginative chauffeurs, or modern cabbies, and a cabby is an imaginative creature in any country."

"The unusual number of collisions and similar accidents in El Paso recently were due to the fact that the city traffic clerk, G. Norman Gorman, was not attending to his duties, but the fact remains that traffic laws would be observed more closely if there were a sufficient number of traffic officers."

The last census figures show that 38 percent of the women employed in the United States were engaged in agriculture.

Hogwallow Locals

By DUNK BOTS.



SLIM PICKENS, one of our denizens of young men, went to the church door last Sunday, but didn't go in, as he had a black speck on his standing collar.

"We did our relief work in a different manner this year to what we ever did before," said Adit. Edgar Harris of the Salvation Army. "There was no publicity made in seeking out families who needed aid. We had the assistance of Rev. Jose Venilla of the Presbyterian Mexican mission and Rev. Spere Atkins of the church of the Nazarenes who investigated the needy in their sections of the city and delivered baskets from their headquarters. There were several appeals made to us from families who

Rabbits still frolic around in the moonlight of the cabbage patch these nights, just as they did when they were not worth over a nickel apiece.

Salem Barlow, our celebrated banjo picker, is busy tuning up his banjo and will be ready to play, it is believed, in a few days.

The Young Lady Across The Way

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THE young lady across the way says she saw in the paper that the government was going to insist upon uniform working conditions after the war and she approves of this as she always did think some of the working girls dressed a little too much and it will be better to have them all wear the same kind of things.

Pel Simian Creates Havoc In Ohio Jewelry Shop

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.—A tiny simian with a broken chain about his neck suddenly appeared in Euclid avenue here when Christmas shopping crowds were thickest, and darting into a pretentious establishment patronized by the wealthy, scattered the throngs by the very effective method of bombarding salesmen and customers alike with choice bits of cut glass, vases and trays. Rings, brooches and necklaces were scattered broadcast.

A clothing store next door failed to hold the mysterious wanderer's attention long and he left, followed by a running throng of police and spectators. A street car carried it a few blocks and finally it was captured just as it was about to emulate the famous bull and enter a china store. Police have adopted it as a pet pending a claimant.

DEAR MR. KABBIBBLE, WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO PROPOSE—AFTERNOON OR EVENING?

ALL THE SAME—EVERYTHING WILL LOOK DARK TO YOU WHEN SHE SAYS "NO."

"When He Gets Out": What a Grand Occasion

BY ANN BLESSENER.

THE most important thought in every soldier's mind is what he will do "when he gets out."

His conversation is bounded on the north, east, south and west by speculations and boasts of what he will do "when he gets out."

All his plans are laid, the stage setting is all planned and his little speech all prepared for his grand entrance into the family circles.

When he gets back to his old job he can sit for hours in a swivel chair with his feet on the desk smoking the firm's cigars, and telling the gloriously thrilling experiences he had and the deliciously imaginative ones he didn't have.

He can almost hear the town band at the depot to meet him and feel the welcoming hand shakes and all the feeds that are to be prepared for him, and everything. This is his dream.

All that is all coming to him. He is just coming to him, as a soldier.

Drug Fiends Seek Jail Sentence To Be Cured

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22.—Two middle aged men, drug fiends, visited several offices in the federal building here asking the officials in each office to have them placed in jail, declaring they were addicted to the use of drugs, and for several days been on a "party" and believed 25 days in jail would cure them of the drug habit.

No official would grant their request, but advised them to apply at the city hospital for treatment.

Plans Trans-Atlantic Flight Early In April

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 22.—With a five engine Handley-Page airplane of about 2000 horsepower, Lieut. Col. R. Collishaw, of Narbonne, B. C., said today he would attempt a flight early in April across the Atlantic, leaving from Newfoundland. He expects to make the trip of 1600 miles in 24 hours. Besides himself, the machine will carry two pilots and an operator.

14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald of This Date, 1904.

It is believed by Germany that rumors regarding the willingness of emperor Nicholas to listen to mediation proposals is a result of negotiations that have been conducted by France and Great Britain. It is thought possible that such negotiations have been going on for some time, since those countries are anxious that the war be terminated.

More freezing weather prevailed in El Paso last night but today it became considerably warmer.

President Courchesne of the El Paso Valley Water Users' association, has appointed the following board of governors for the association to serve until their successors are elected: Z. T. White, Royal Jackson, J. W. McGuffin, A. Smith, G. N. Garcia, C. O. Coffin, D. E. Doane, Felix Martinez, Horace B. Stevens and G. W. Huffman and an executive committee consisting of Felix Martinez, J. A. Smith, Horace B. Stevens, G. W. Garcia and G. W. Huffman.

Texas had an enormous cotton crop this year. According to the census bulletin, 2,932,512 bales were produced.

There is a great demand for wheat in Texas for market, a ready market being found for all available stock. Aside from the surrounding ranches, this section is also coming to the front as a feeding center. It is estimated that the State's wheat head will be fed in El Paso alone.

Cold weather in all directions and the blizzards north and east have caused the delay of mail trains.

Three El Paso men who went to Nacoz del Colorado to buy Christmas day and thus increase the contents of their pocketbooks, had some thrilling experiences in getting away when they failed to make a success of the fight on account of not securing spirited animals for the fight. It is a law in Mexico that if a fight is not successful, a fine must be paid for the animals and the men had their thrills in making a get-away without putting up the forfeit. They got across the line into the United States but authorities later forced them to pay the amount.

"Wild Man of Pittsburg" Was 95 Pound Negro

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—The "wild man of Pittsburg" settlement, who has been terrorizing people of that vicinity, forcing his tender embraces and kisses upon dusky damsels indiscreet enough to be out late at night, has been captured. After rushing through the streets disguised as a ghost, a light-colored person of the streets, the police finally locked him up. He proved to be a little 55 pound negro named Frank Howell, with nothing ferocious about him except an older family reminiscent of pre-prohibition days.

EL PASO MUSICIANS ARE BECOMING FAMOUS

Francisco Delgado, local labor recruiting agent for the Pennsylvania lines, has attained a reputation as a discoverer of musical talent, according to railroad men. There is a large band composed of employees at the Altoona, Pa. shops of the Pennsylvania line, and it is said that every now and then Delgado discovers a Mexican in El Paso who excels at the playing of certain instruments and he recruits him for the Altoona band, the result being that a large proportion of the players have gone from El Paso.

Married Life

By Knott

MRS. SMITH HAS A NEW GOWN

I DON'T CARE

AND SHE HAS NEW HAT AND COAT

WELL,

—AND A SET OF NEW FURS

WHAT OF IT?

NOTHING, ONLY SHE BUYS WHATEVER I BUY.

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TRAVELETTE

By NURSAIL.

DEPONT CIRCLE.

DEPONT circle is the center of the most fashionable residence district in the capital city. On one side of its generous curve is the famous Letter mansion, and almost directly opposite is the huge red brick hotel of the Edison-Bradley home, with its little theater in a quaint tower. Adjoining the other massive private residences about the circle, as well as the usual drugstore and flower shop.

In the mornings boys and girls dash through the circle on their way to select private schools. The mighty wave of the government clerks and war workers pour into the circle by each of the winding pathways that lead toward Connecticut avenue and the large government buildings.

Depont Circle, however, is most popular and attractive in the afternoon, when tiny children crowd its paths and play hide-and-seek in the bushes and around the flower beds.

Sedate English nurses, perky French maids, and plain distaffed colored girls sit on the benches and keep one eye on their charges while they chat with one another, or chatter about the circle showing baby-carriages before them.

The event of the afternoon is the arrival of the Ballroom Man with his enchanting curls in his hand. Red, blue, violet, green and yellow—he has them all, held captive on long wooden sticks, while the small ones frantically dance about him and shout. He is a little man, the Ballroom Man. His feet are big and he shuffles. His long black coat is green and frayed about the edges. His derby hat is a smelly old pipe. But to the little ones he is a wonderful being.

Abe Martin



IT'S a good thing for most of us that there's no discrimination against those who say "discriminate." Who remembers when a fellow wouldn't think of tryin' to keep house with his mother-in-law even in the same town?

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Movie Of A Man Trying To Conceal Present From Friend Wife - By Briggs



TAKES PACKAGE TO CELLAR

CONCEALS IT IN RUBBISH PILE

RELIEVED

ATTEMPTS LOOKING UNCONCERNED

I SEE THE PAPER SAYS "NO TO MORROW"

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